

Tornado Season in Oklahoma...

We're Prepared. Are You?

The beginning of Daylight Savings Time in Oklahoma is also the beginning of another important time -- Tornado Season.

During recent years Broken Arrow has been fortunate...a few tornado watches and even a warning or two; a couple of funnel clouds which briefly touched down in parts of the community; strong winds which ripped up some trees and fences and did some damage to roofs.

When threatening weather is in the area, however, the City's Emergency Management teams are at work, taking measures to protect our citizens and preparing to respond if the threat of a tornado becomes reality.

Being prepared for tornadoes -- and other disasters, both natural and man-made -- is a year-round challenge for the Emergency Management personnel. The team is a combination of police, fire, public works and administrative personnel who are work together to plan for all types of emergency situations.

Brandon Dodd, the City's Director of Emergency Management, works with Steve Bradley of the Police Department in constantly checking the warning siren system in Broken Arrow. They and others City workers attend workshops and disaster drills to keep up with the latest in technology and to become familiar with some of the possible scenarios they could face in a disaster. When threatening weather is in the area, Dodd and Bradley monitor national, state and local reports. They spend many nights and early mornings keeping tabs of storms until they are out of our area.

If disaster does strike, City personnel won't have to go scrambling for directions on how to respond. They've been trained and they have an extensive manual to guide them through those situations.

If you'll go to the City's web site at [www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov), then to "residents, public safety, severe weather," you'll find extensive material on how you can protect your family in emergency situations. There are maps showing warning sire locations and samples of their sounds.



Mayor Carter

Whose Life Is It, Anyway?

For most of us, thinking about paramedics and ambulances is limited to those times when we pull to the side of the street as we see and hear one coming towards us on an emergency run. For some of us, involvement intensifies when a loved one has had a heart attack, stroke, or serious injury. Or perhaps it's you or I whose life is in danger. Then, we're thankful for quick, competent care.

In Broken Arrow, thanks to the foresight of a city manager and council years ago, and continued support since, we have the highest level of emergency medical care found anywhere.

Our ambulance service is operated through the Fire Department, with a state-of-the-art ambulance based at each of our five fire stations. The ambulances are equipped with the latest cardiac monitors, capable of recording not only rate and rhythm, but "12-lead strip" hookups which show activity all around the heart. Each has airway equipment, emergency medications, and other life-saving gear.

There are four levels of skill in emergency medical care, with the highest titled "Advanced Life Support." Broken Arrow has 33 individuals rated at this top level, with at least one on each ambulance. The ambulance driver is at minimum a Basic (level 2) or Intermediate (level 3) Emergency Medical Technician. In addition, all firefighters must possess a basic EMT rating at time of hiring.

Add to those tough qualifications the requirement that all our Paramedics and other ambulance staff must also be qualified and trained as firefighters, and you can see that our taxpayers get two-for-one qualifications and versatility from that entire department.

These dedicated and skilled firefighter/paramedics make the difference between life and death for our citizens every day. Next time you see one, I hope you'll thank them for being there.

Mayor Richard Carter



POOL TIME! -- For thousands of Broken Arrowans Memorial Day weekend will be the start of a new swimming season in City pools. For others it will be a time to learn! Details on next page.

Fireworks Permits

Fireworks and the 4th of July holiday are companions of many, many years. Until now, however, selling and discharging fireworks in the city limits of Broken Arrow has been illegal.

A new ordinance now provides for a fireworks permit which can be purchased by citizens for \$20, enabling them to discharge fireworks legally from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. July 3 and 4. There are regulations on who may use them and where, but getting the permit and knowing how to use it can save you \$150 plus costs.

Permits are available at the City Hall Finance office, at the Police Department and Court Clerk's office, and the Parks Department offices at Central Park and Nienhuis Park.

Rooster Days, Parade, Rodeo

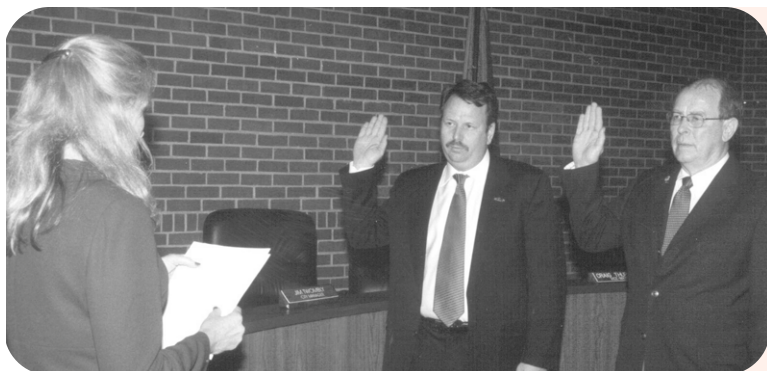
Rooster Days 2005 runs May 12-15, with the Parade Saturday morning May 14. The carnival, stages and food and crafts courts are set up at Central Park.

The Rooster Days Rodeo will be May 19-21, starting at 8 p.m. each night. The arena is across from the Elks Lodge.



VOLUNTEERS HONORED -- Some of the many volunteers of the BA Police Department were honored by the City Council at its April 18 meeting. Here they present a "check" for more than \$195,000, which is how much it's estimated they save the City last year.





Mayor Richard Carter (far right) and Vice-Mayor Craig Thurmond take the oath of office as City Council members after winning elections for seats in Wards One and Two, respectively. Carter was unopposed. City Attorney Beth Anne Wilkening led the two in the oath at the April 18 City Council meeting. Later at that same meeting Carter was re-elected Mayor and Thurmond Vice-Mayor.

## City Pools Set Openings May 28

City of Broken Arrow swimming pools will be opening Saturday, May 28, to start the 2005 season.

The Family Aquatic Center at Central Park and the Country Aire Pool will both be open during the Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 29 and 30. After that initial weekend, the two pools will be open on a schedule which includes Monday closing for the FAC and Tuesday closing for Country Aire due to maintenance.

Learn-To-Swim lessons are given Monday through Friday in the old Central Pool. Registration is on-going for those lessons, which are given by Red Cross trained instructors. On-line registration may be done through the City's web site ([www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov)), and walk-in registrations are taken at the Community Center in Central Park. For information call 259-8436.

Classes meet four times each week for two weeks and cost is \$40. There are classes for all ages and skill levels, including infants (a parent must be in the pool with them).

A new feature at the pools this year is Water Aerobics. Those classes will be held June 7 through July 1 and July 6 through Aug. 5. Anyone 12 or older is eligible for the program, with sessions from 11 a.m. to 12 noon or 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Only those enrolled in the program will be allowed in the Family Aquatic Center during those times.

Cost is \$20 per session. Enrollment may be done at either the Community Center in Central Park or at the Youth/Community Center in Nienhuis Park. For more information call 259-8437 or 355-0287.

Swim passes for both pools went on sale May 1, and include family passes (for the first four members of the family) for \$110. Those are good for the entire season at either pool. There are also child season passes for \$40 and adult season passes for \$45. Pool passes will be tied to the Broken Arrow Park I.D. system, and will have patron photos on them.

Daily fees are \$3 for 12 and older and \$2 for senior citizens and children 3-11 at the FAC and \$2 and \$1 at Country Aire.

## Reserve Picnic Shelters

You can reserve a picnic shelter at any of the City's parks for a flat rate of \$25. By going on-line with the Park Department's WebTrac, you can see the shelters available and make your reservation without leaving your home or office. Go to the City's web site at [www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov).

### Helpful City Phone Numbers

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| City Hall                                | 251-5311 |
| Police Department                        | 451-8400 |
| Emergencies                              | 911      |
| Animal Control                           | 259-8311 |
| Action Center                            | 258-3587 |
| Fire Dept.                               | 259-8360 |
| Parks & Rec.                             | 259-8380 |
| Public Works                             | 259-8373 |
| Municipal Court                          | 451-8558 |
| Utility Payment                          | 259-8409 |
| After Hours Emergencies for Water, Sewer |          |
|  | 451-8400 |

## Concerts in Central Park June Schedule Listed

The transition from spring to summer is made a little more enjoyable each year when the Broken Arrow Arts & Humanities Council teams with the City's Parks & Recreation Department to present the June Concerts in Central Park.

Once again this June there will be concerts featuring a different style of music every Tuesday night. Area residents are invited to bring their lawn chairs, picnic blankets, family members and friends to Central Park for an evening of music and relaxation. The performers set up on the City's

Showmobile mobile stage, located just south of the tennis courts, and the music begins at 6:30 p.m. If stormy weather is in the area early in the day, the concerts may be moved inside to the North Intermediate High School auditorium on East College (five blocks east of Main).

Opening the concert series on June 7 will be contemporary/traditional Christian music by "The Crusaders." Food and soft drink vendors will be on hand, and the concerts are free and open to all.

On June 14 "Sidewinder" will be featured, a Top 40 Country band (SPOT Country Award runnerup in 2004). Then on June 21 the spotlight will switch to jazz music, with "Swinghouse Jazz" performing.

The 2005 series will

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wind up June 28 with classic and contemporary rock by "3 Hour Tour."

Those attending are reminded that no alcoholic beverages are permitted.

## City's MISSION STATEMENT

**To lead with character and excellence; To provide exceptional services in a responsive, caring manner with a professional attitude and; To establish an environment that fosters growth and enhances the quality of life for all citizens.**

The City's Mission Statement was developed by members of the City Staff, City Council and administrators who met in a series of Strategic Planning Sessions over the course of several weeks. It is designed as a guideline to City employees as they deal with the day-to-day challenges of meeting the needs of our citizens.

## Community Calendar

- May 12-15** -- Rooster Days
- May 12** -- Broken Arrow High School graduation at ORU Mabee Center, followed by "Project Graduation."
- May 13** -- Union High School graduation.
- May 13** -- "Bike to Work Day" sponsored by the Tulsa Area Ride Share and Clean Cities program. INCOG and Tulsa Commuter Choice Program encourage citizens to help improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion through Ozone Alert season. Also June 10.
- May 14** -- Annual Rooster Days Parade at 10 a.m. on Main Street and Miss Chick contest at Central Park.
- May 19-21** -- 47th Annual Rooster Days Rodeo. 8 p.m. each night at the BA Round-Up Club rodeo grounds, across from the Elks Lodge at Hwy. 51 and Oneta Road. Advance tickets at Smitty's Western Wear or call 258-3079.
- May 21** -- Hershey Track and Field qualifier at South Intermediate Track, 1 p.m., hosted by City of Broken Arrow Parks & Recreation Dept. Winners advance to State Meet.
- May 23** -- BA Neighbors annual Benefit Golf Tournament, shotgun start at 1 p.m. at Indian Springs Country Club. For information call 251-7781.
- May 23** -- Tentative last day of school for Broken Arrow Public Schools.
- May 28** -- City of Broken Arrow swimming pools at Central Park (Family Aquatic Center) and Country Aire Park open.
- June 3-4** -- BA Neighbors bi-monthly benefit Book Fair. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at 315 W. College. For information call 251-7781.
- June 3-4** -- American Cancer Society's Broken Arrow Relay for Life, South Intermediate track and stadium. Starts Friday night and continues through dawn Saturday. Proceeds benefit cancer research programs.
- June 17-18** -- Oklahoma Heritage Days Antique Tractor Show, 8 a.m. to dark each day at the OATA Club grounds, 10217 S. 257 E. Ave. (South of BA at Hwy 51 and Midway Road).
- June 25** -- Blue Bell Ice Cream's Taste of Summer 2005. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blue Bell, 81st and Hwy. 51. Admission \$4, with children 6 and under admitted free. Tours, face painting, ice cream, games and contests and local entertainment.